Kirkland Transportation Commission Meeting Notes Wednesday April 25, 2012

Call to Order

Chair Pfundt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. <u>Members Present</u>: Tom Pendergrass, Tom Neir, Carl Wilson, Sandeep Singhal, John Perlic, Mike Snow. <u>Kirkland Staff Present</u>: Dave Godfrey, Public Works Department

Approval of meeting notes from February 22, 2012 meeting.

Approved as presented.

Public Comment

Robert Scheuerman. Thanked the Commission for their decisions at the last meeting. Commented on the need to consider emergency services. **Wil Kenedlic**, President Eastside Rail Now. Shared thanks given by Mr. Scheuerman. Asked the Commission to remember the cost of retaining rail service. Mentioned that it was more expensive to replace rails rather than to repair them. Urged the Commission to take the build environment in to account under SEPA for rail removal. He distributed appropriate portions of the Washington Administrative Code.

Councilmember Sternoff. He described his role on the PSRC, SCA and RTC and their role in transit. After explaining the revised Metro Strategic Plan, he outlined some of the work that is being done on Alternative Service. He invited the Commission to share ideas they may have on Transit with him. After discussing Transit, Councilmember Sternoff described project evaluation methods that PSRC was working on and agreed to keep the Commission informed on the outcome of this work.

New Member John Perlic

John Perlic was welcomed to his first meeting. He and the other commissioners introduced themselves to each other.

Capital Improvement Program/Transportation Benefit District

Staff presented the proposed transportation CIP. The Commission noted some of the difficulties that are present with project prioritization and funding methods.

Eastside Rail Corridor

Commission reviewed the draft Master Plan and made a number of suggestions. Staff will incorporate these changes and Chair Pfundt will meet with the Park Board at the Park Board meeting on May 9. A selection process was suggested that includes: staff reviewing the responses to get a short list of consultants, and an interview panel including one member from each of the Transportation Commission and Park Board to review the short listed consultants.

Level of Service/Concurrency

Staff made a presentation on how a project list might be assembled based on previous conversations. The Commission discussed the three issues that were before them; Level of Service, Concurrency and Project Selection. It was agreed that the last issue was continuing to be a sticking point and that it could best be addressed through a Transportation Master Plan; an idea that had been raised at several previous meetings. Staff was asked to prepare a narrative memo on the three issues for consideration at the next meeting.

Updates from Commissioners and Staff

Given the lateness of the hour there were no reports.

Meeting adjourned Unanimously approved to adjourn 9:10 p.m.